

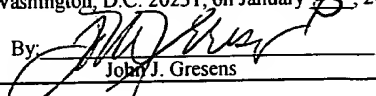


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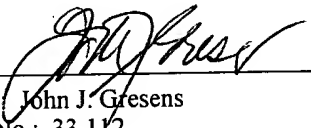
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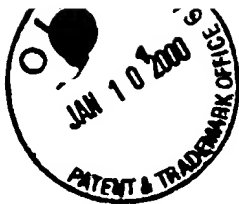
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 7, 1999.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 5 and 12.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 7, and 13 as indicated below.

1. (Amended) Method to detect and phenotype target cells, such as animal and human cells, in cell suspensions by using particles coated with antibodies[/ligands] directed against antigenic determinants/receptors expressed on the target cells, except when the target cells are malignant and normal haemotopoietic and lymphatic cells,

characterized in that 2-6 antibodies [or ligands], each antibody [or ligand] conjugated to each of several types of particles instrumentally or visually separable by fluorescence, color and size, with sizes ranging from 0.01 μm - 6 μm , wherein the ratio between the number of particles and the number of cells ranges from 20:1 to 0.5:1, are incubated under gentle rotation

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